

COTTON AND TRADE.

DALLA WEEKLY MARKET REVIEW.
Cotton Declines 1-2 Cent-Great Irregular and Lower-Means Steady
Four Holds Its Own-Balling Lower-Groceries Generally Unchanged - Butter and Eggs Down - Commercial Notes

DALLAS, TUESDAY AFTERNOON, January 15, 1881.

The weather is bad. It has during the week ended to-day been the continuation of the weather cold and damp we have had since last November. For the forties time this winter the dirt roads leading to and from the city are too soft and muddy for fully loaded vehicles. And the railways are not much better. Their tracks are in the worst possible order, strewn with wrecks, with all trains off time and arriving when they get here. People in country and town are trying to do nothing but keep comfortably warm and patiently waiting for a return once more of that warm, genial atmosphere in which we usually live and thrive.

Of course commerce suffers at such a time. Particularly sensitive it is seriously affected by extreme degrees of heat and cold. We cannot help ourselves, and can only grin and bear it. It would be better, however, for every one to accept the situation, call it as it was winter, and go on with business. But they don't do anything in Iowa for eight months in the year but freeze ten minutes outdoors and thaw an hour inside.

Reports from the country are all agreed that farms are doing nothing. They cannot do anything except feed stock, gather a little corn, haul wood to their houses and a few other items.

A good deal of last year's crop of cotton is still unginned, and a small amount unpicked. Their fall out crop has been frozen to death. There are no prospects we can see for the present inclement weather breaking up, and this state of affairs will last until it does.

Financial Affairs.

There appears to be no lack of funds about and bank. It freely offered upon all good paper, but a majority of the active capital of banks is being employed moving the cotton crop. Loans are made upon real estate only when an absolute need is made to the bank, and thus the homestead law is gotten around.

We quote:

Exchange on all points buying at 3% to 4% discount.

Exchange on all points selling 4% premium.

Bank exchange buying at par.

Money is worth 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 percent per month.

Trade dollars..... 90 cents.

Mexican dollars..... 88

Mexican halves..... 40

Mexican quarters..... 18

As there is a good speculative margin in Mexican coins at the above rates it is pretty well kept out of circulation. It is an annoyance to trade. Although the dollars more silver in logically than one of our own, it only pays 80 cents.

Gold, Silver, greenbacks and silver certificates per. Either is paid over the bank counter upon demand. Greenbacks are almost always preferred. The woods are full of silver certificates, or "white-backs," and they are daily growing thicker. But as they are received at par in bank they are accepted by merchants like any other money.

We consider the financial situation of Texas to be exceptionally strong. Crops have sold and are selling for high prices, we owe little as a common wealth or as people and individuals, foreign capital is seeking this state in preference to all others, millions are being spent and will be in the near future upon railways here, and the whole territory will soon be well reached by the locomotive. Northern visitors in the city during the week say the tide of immigration, almost more or less about in some direction or other, is setting toward Texas. All this means more trade, greater development, more money and better times.

Building and Building Material.

Frost has greatly retarded all works of improvement in the city. Houses which usually require thirty and forty days to begin and finish have lagged along three and four months. Mechanics can do nothing with frozen mortar. Owners have frenzied over the situation, but us by so. All that can be done is to patiently wait for warm sunshine. There are many fine business houses to go up as soon as possible, along Main and Elm. The burned district at the corner of Murphy and Elm is to be built up of once with fine brick and stone stores. The clearing out of the old shanties in that locality was a great blessing.

There are private residences going up in all portions of town. There seems to be no lack of confidence in the future of the city, as this fact amply shows.

Building material has not been very active recently for this reason cold weather prevents its being worked up. It will break loose in a few days, however, and sell faster than ever before.

The Course of the Markets.

Cotton has met with a serious reverse. An Anglo-American earner upon it is suggested, but we know not what truth. It held up until Tuesday, when Liverpool and New York gave way from 3 to 4 of a cent, and to-day (Wednesday) it lost another 1/2, making a decline of 4 cents upon last week's quotations. There is nothing in the actual situation of the staple itself which ought to change the value. It is simply a fight between bull and bear. But as the planter is well provided with immediate money, he may have something to say in the matter. In Dallas to-day middling only commanded 10 cents per pound against 10 1/2 on Monday. The receipts for the week have averaged about 75 bales per day.

Cotton is lower than at this time last week upon the lower grades. Straight white still brings 45 cents per bushel at the Dallas mill. Yellow and mixed soils to speculators at 25 to 30 cents per bushel for house use. Baled from store to 20 cents.

Gins are about the same. A slightly damaged lot was offered to-day at 40 cents. Medium and choice bring 40 and 45 cents respectively.

Mixes are unchanged upon sides. 1/2 for dry salt, 1/2 for smoked. Breakfast bacon has declined to 10 1/2. Bacon is lower, sugar cured being now quoted at 20 to 22 1/2. Dressed hams 6 cents. Lives 4 to 5%.

Lard advanced to 10 cents for tallow and other packages in proportion.

Flour has run along during the week in a regular way, with stocks sufficient to meet the demand. Fancy family in large lots, 25 to 30, and small lots 20 to 25 per hundred. We have heard nothing new lately from the City mills, our grain occasionally when they can get the grain ripe upon.

Flour declined. Standard is now selling at 25 cents. The 25 1/2.

Wheat coffee has not materially changed during the week. They have held their demand.

Tea is moderately active.

Apples are a shade lower, with common now selling at 25 cents, medium 25 1/2 and fancy at 30 per barrel. Peaches are feebly fetching 25 per bushel. Sour kraut has advanced to 25 1/2 per half barrel.

No Irish potatoes have been on the market during the week. There will be a carload here-to-morrow and held at 25 1/2 per barrel. Onions are held at 25 1/2 per barrel.

Butter has lost about 5 cents per pound during the week. Choice will not bring over 20 cents to-day.

Eggs have settled at 20 cents from first bands and 25 from store.

Wild game is in active demand and fair supply. Ducks 25 cents apiece. Venison 7 to 8 cents per pound. Quails 10 cents apiece. Turkeys 60 to 90 cents. Prairie chickens 15 to 18 cents apiece.

Cotton.

The market again went off this morning and ruled dull and droopy all day. Following are the revised quotations:

Ordinary	8
Low Middling	9 1/2
Exact Low Middling	10
Middle	10 1/2
Exact Middle	10 1/2
Middling Fair	11 1/2

BUTTER AND EGGS.

Eggs—20 cents per dozen.

Butter—25 cents for choice for inferior country and Texas, 18 to 20.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

Fish—12 1/2¢ per lb.

Oysters—per can 4¢ cents for Baltimore, 28 Matagorda.

COFFEE AND TEA.

COFFEE—Ble, common, 14¢; ordinary, 15¢; fair, 14 1/2; good 15 1/2; prime, 16 1/2; 16 1/2; 17 1/2; 18 1/2; 19 1/2; 20 1/2; 21 1/2; 22 1/2; 23 1/2; 24 1/2; 25 1/2; 26 1/2; 27 1/2; 28 1/2; 29 1/2; 30 1/2; 31 1/2; 32 1/2; 33 1/2; 34 1/2; 35 1/2; 36 1/2; 37 1/2; 38 1/2; 39 1/2; 40 1/2; 41 1/2; 42 1/2; 43 1/2; 44 1/2; 45 1/2; 46 1/2; 47 1/2; 48 1/2; 49 1/2; 50 1/2; 51 1/2; 52 1/2; 53 1/2; 54 1/2; 55 1/2; 56 1/2; 57 1/2; 58 1/2; 59 1/2; 60 1/2; 61 1/2; 62 1/2; 63 1/2; 64 1/2; 65 1/2; 66 1/2; 67 1/2; 68 1/2; 69 1/2; 70 1/2; 71 1/2; 72 1/2; 73 1/2; 74 1/2; 75 1/2; 76 1/2; 77 1/2; 78 1/2; 79 1/2; 80 1/2; 81 1/2; 82 1/2; 83 1/2; 84 1/2; 85 1/2; 86 1/2; 87 1/2; 88 1/2; 89 1/2; 90 1/2; 91 1/2; 92 1/2; 93 1/2; 94 1/2; 95 1/2; 96 1/2; 97 1/2; 98 1/2; 99 1/2; 100 1/2; 101 1/2; 102 1/2; 103 1/2; 104 1/2; 105 1/2; 106 1/2; 107 1/2; 108 1/2; 109 1/2; 110 1/2; 111 1/2; 112 1/2; 113 1/2; 114 1/2; 115 1/2; 116 1/2; 117 1/2; 118 1/2; 119 1/2; 120 1/2; 121 1/2; 122 1/2; 123 1/2; 124 1/2; 125 1/2; 126 1/2; 127 1/2; 128 1/2; 129 1/2; 130 1/2; 131 1/2; 132 1/2; 133 1/2; 134 1/2; 135 1/2; 136 1/2; 137 1/2; 138 1/2; 139 1/2; 140 1/2; 141 1/2; 142 1/2; 143 1/2; 144 1/2; 145 1/2; 146 1/2; 147 1/2; 148 1/2; 149 1/2; 150 1/2; 151 1/2; 152 1/2; 153 1/2; 154 1/2; 155 1/2; 156 1/2; 157 1/2; 158 1/2; 159 1/2; 160 1/2; 161 1/2; 162 1/2; 163 1/2; 164 1/2; 165 1/2; 166 1/2; 167 1/2; 168 1/2; 169 1/2; 170 1/2; 171 1/2; 172 1/2; 173 1/2; 174 1/2; 175 1/2; 176 1/2; 177 1/2; 178 1/2; 179 1/2; 180 1/2; 181 1/2; 182 1/2; 183 1/2; 184 1/2; 185 1/2; 186 1/2; 187 1/2; 188 1/2; 189 1/2; 190 1/2; 191 1/2; 192 1/2; 193 1/2; 194 1/2; 195 1/2; 196 1/2; 197 1/2; 198 1/2; 199 1/2; 200 1/2; 201 1/2; 202 1/2; 203 1/2; 204 1/2; 205 1/2; 206 1/2; 207 1/2; 208 1/2; 209 1/2; 210 1/2; 211 1/2; 212 1/2; 213 1/2; 214 1/2; 215 1/2; 216 1/2; 217 1/2; 218 1/2; 219 1/2; 220 1/2; 221 1/2; 222 1/2; 223 1/2; 224 1/2; 225 1/2; 226 1/2; 227 1/2; 228 1/2; 229 1/2; 230 1/2; 231 1/2; 232 1/2; 233 1/2; 234 1/2; 235 1/2; 236 1/2; 237 1/2; 238 1/2; 239 1/2; 240 1/2; 241 1/2; 242 1/2; 243 1/2; 244 1/2; 245 1/2; 246 1/2; 247 1/2; 248 1/2; 249 1/2; 250 1/2; 251 1/2; 252 1/2; 253 1/2; 254 1/2; 255 1/2; 256 1/2; 257 1/2; 258 1/2; 259 1/2; 260 1/2; 261 1/2; 262 1/2; 263 1/2; 264 1/2; 265 1/2; 266 1/2; 267 1/2; 268 1/2; 269 1/2; 270 1/2; 271 1/2; 272 1/2; 273 1/2; 274 1/2; 275 1/2; 276 1/2; 277 1/2; 278 1/2; 279 1/2; 280 1/2; 281 1/2; 282 1/2; 283 1/2; 284 1/2; 285 1/2; 286 1/2; 287 1/2; 288 1/2; 289 1/2; 290 1/2; 291 1/2; 292 1/2; 293 1/2; 294 1/2; 295 1/2; 296 1/2; 297 1/2; 298 1/2; 299 1/2; 300 1/2; 301 1/2; 302 1/2; 303 1/2; 304 1/2; 305 1/2; 306 1/2; 307 1/2; 308 1/2; 309 1/2; 310 1/2; 311 1/2; 312 1/2; 313 1/2; 314 1/2; 315 1/2; 316 1/2; 317 1/2; 318 1/2; 319 1/2; 320 1/2; 321 1/2; 322 1/2; 323 1/2; 324 1/2; 325 1/2; 326 1/2; 327 1/2; 328 1/2; 329 1/2; 330 1/2; 331 1/2; 332 1/2; 333 1/2; 334 1/2; 335 1/2; 336 1/2; 337 1/2; 338 1/2; 339 1/2; 340 1/2; 341 1/2; 342 1/2; 343 1/2; 344 1/2; 345 1/2; 346 1/2; 347 1/2; 348 1/2; 349 1/2; 350 1/2; 351 1/2; 352 1/2; 353 1/2; 354 1/2; 355 1/2; 356 1/2; 357 1/2; 358 1/2; 359 1/2; 360 1/2; 361 1/2; 362 1/2; 363 1/2; 364 1/2; 365 1/2; 366 1/2; 367 1/2; 368 1/2; 369 1/2; 370 1/2; 371 1/2; 372 1/2; 373 1/2; 374 1/2; 375 1/2; 376 1/2; 377 1/2; 378 1/2; 379 1/2; 380 1/2; 381 1/2; 382 1/2; 383 1/2; 384 1/2; 385 1/2; 386 1/2; 387 1/2; 388 1/2; 389 1/2; 390 1/2; 391 1/2; 392 1/2; 393 1/2; 394 1/2; 395 1/2; 396 1/2; 397 1/2; 398 1/2; 399 1/2; 400 1/2; 401 1/2; 402 1/2; 403 1/2; 404 1/2; 405 1/2; 406 1/2; 407 1/2; 408 1/2; 409 1/2; 410 1/2; 411 1/2; 412 1/2; 413 1/2; 414 1/2; 415 1/2; 416 1/2; 417 1/2; 418 1/2; 419 1/2; 420 1/2; 421 1/2; 422 1/2; 423 1/2; 424 1/2; 425 1/2; 426 1/2; 427 1/2; 428 1/2; 429 1/2; 430 1/2; 431 1/2; 432 1/2; 433 1/2; 434 1/2; 435 1/2; 436 1/2; 437 1/2; 438 1/2; 439 1/2; 440 1/2; 441 1/2; 442 1/2; 443 1/2; 444 1/2; 445 1/2; 446 1/2; 447 1/2; 448 1/2; 449 1/2; 450 1/2; 451 1/2; 452 1/2; 453 1/2; 454 1/2; 455 1/2; 456 1/2; 457 1/2; 458 1/2; 459 1/2; 460 1/2; 461 1/2; 462 1/2; 463 1/2; 464 1/2; 465 1/2; 466 1/2; 467 1/2; 468 1/2; 469 1/2; 470 1/2; 471 1/2; 472 1/2; 473 1/2; 474 1/2; 475 1/2; 4